

REMARKS

Claims 1-9, 11 to 18, and 26 are present in the application. Claims 10, 19-25, and 27-20 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Claims 1 has been amended to recite that "said telephony interface communicates with an enterprise private branch exchange (PBX) and comprises a database of PBX extension numbers and of Direct Inward Dial (DID) telephone numbers associated with each PBX extension numbers, wherein said dialed telephone number is associated with one of the PBX extension numbers, and wherein at least one of said at least two wireless destination telephone numbers is associated with one of the PBX extension numbers and the other of said at least two wireless destination telephone numbers is not". A similar amendment has been made to claim 25. Support for this amendment can be found throughout the specification as originally filed, such as on page 11, lines 15-21. The dependent claims have been amended to correspond to the changes made to claim 1. No new subject matter has been added.

Claim rejections – 35 USC 103

Claims 1-5, 8-13, 15-18 and 26 stand rejected under 35 USC 103 having regard to U.S. Patent No. 5,978,672 (hereinafter "Hartmaier") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,381,323 (hereinafter "Schwab") and U.S. Patent No. 5,329,578 (hereinafter "Brennan"). Reconsideration of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Hartmaier describes a programming interface between applications executing on a private data network and applications executing in a wireless intelligent network. A process is used to cause a private network to appear to a wireless intelligent network as an extension of that network by providing local mobility or profile information, and by linking to resident applications that reside on other processes having access to the private network.

The Applicant respectfully submits that Hartmaier limits any description of the private network to being wired, wireless, or a combination thereof, such as a WAN or a LAN (col. 9, line 8), or to being a private network that hosts a PBX application (col. 12, line 14). No other details regarding the private network are provided. In addition, the programming interface that communicates with the private network is described as having capabilities such as call-forwarding, call redirection, paging, voice mail message waiting indication forwarding to cell phones, and call-screening. However, Hartmaier fails to describe or suggest that the programming interface "comprises a database of PBX extension numbers and of Direct Inward Dial (DID) telephone numbers associated with each PBX extension numbers". In addition, Hartmaier fails to describe or suggest that "at least one of said at least two wireless destination telephone numbers is associated with one of the PBX extension numbers and the other of said at least two wireless destination telephone numbers is not".

In the Office Action of July 6, 20011, the Examiner points to column 11, lines 60-63 of Hartmaier to show teachings of "wherein the telephony interface communicates with a private branch exchange, and where at least one of the at least two destination telephone numbers is associated with the private branch exchange" (page 8, lines 9-13). This passage is reproduced herein for the Examiner's convenience:

As shown in FIG. 2 the PBX-cellular connection is an example of the Transaction side connection embodiment of the subject invention. FIG. 5 shows the logical connection of the various software components to complete the connection.

From the above passage, the Applicant fails to see any such teachings and respectfully submits that such teachings are absent from Hartmaier.

Schwab describes a method of routing incoming telephone calls and programming routing options such that incoming calls are routed according to various criteria programmed by a subscriber. Schwab fails to refer to a private network, a private branch exchange (PBX), or a PBX extension number. Therefore, Schwab clearly fails to teach or suggest "said telephony interface communicates with an enterprise private branch exchange (PBX)

and comprises a database of PBX extension numbers and of Direct Inward Dial (DID) telephone numbers associated with each PBX extension numbers, wherein said dialed telephone number is associated with one of the PBX extension numbers, and wherein at least one of said at least two wireless destination telephone numbers is associated with one of the PBX extension numbers and the other of said at least two wireless destination telephone numbers is not", as recited in claim 1.

Brennan describes a system for providing personal communication services, wherein a subscriber can tailor the telephone service to provide communication mobility and incoming call management. Similarly to Schwab, Brennan fails to refer to a private network, a private branch exchange (PBX), or a PBX extension number. Therefore, Brennan clearly fails to teach or suggest "said telephony interface communicates with an enterprise private branch exchange (PBX) and comprises a database of PBX extension numbers and of Direct Inward Dial (DID) telephone numbers associated with each PBX extension numbers, wherein said dialed telephone number is associated with one of the PBX extension numbers, and wherein at least one of said at least two wireless destination telephone numbers is associated with one of the PBX extension numbers and the other of said at least two wireless destination telephone numbers is not", as recited in claim 1.

The Applicant respectfully submits that since the cited prior art of Hartmaier, Schwab, and Brennan fail to teach or suggest all of the elements of claim 1, the rejection be withdrawn.

The above arguments also apply to independent claim 26 and to dependent claims 2-9 and 11-18.

Claims 6-7 and 14 stand rejected under 35 USC 103 having regard to Hartmaier in view of Schwab, Brennan, and further in view of Chow (US Patent No. 6,711,401). The Applicant respectfully submits that Chow fails to cure the deficiencies of Hartmaier, Schwab, and Brennan.

Claims 19-25 and 29 stand rejected under 35 USC 103 having regard to Hartmaier in view of Schwab and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,958,652 (hereinafter "Eriksson"). This rejection is moot in view of the cancellation of claims 19-25 and 29.

Conclusions

Applicant believes that it has responded to each ground of rejection raised by the Examiner, and that for at least the reasons cited above the claims, as presented, are in condition for immediate allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the claims.

Applicant is concerned to advance this application as quickly as is reasonably possible. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that, in the event the Examiner has any further questions about this application, the Examiner call Applicant's attorney at the number provided below.

Applicant believes that no fees are due in connection with the filing of this paper. In the event that the office determines that any fee is due, Appellant requests that such fee be charged to its Deposit Account No. 195113.

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